

2026 August Primary and November General and Special Elections U.S. Senate and Local Office **Political Party** Ballot Access Quick Look One Pager



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Additional information, including November Special Election information can be found in the Political Party Bulletin found on ELECT's website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-bulletins/>.

- A. **January, 2026**, file the following with the **Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT)**.*
*ELECT strongly encourages the party to submit updated lists the first week of June, and the first week of November.
 - **Contact lists for all party chairs** (state, congressional district, legislative district, county, city).
- B. **Between 2/11/26 and 3/3/26** file the following with ELECT for each office you are responsible for.
 - **ELECT-516 Party Notice of Nomination Method**
<https://fs28.formsite.com/vaelect/NominationMethod/index>
- C. **Between 5:01 pm, 4/2/26 and 5:00 pm, 4/7/26** file the following as follows for each office you are responsible for.
 - **ELECT-527 Party Certification of Primary Candidates**
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-forms/>
 - For State, Congressional, and General Assembly candidates, file with ELECT.
 - For all other candidates, file with ELECT and the General Registrar's Office in each locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot. <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>
- D. Reminder: Parties may nominate non-primary November General candidates between 4/30/26 and 6/16/26.*
*See political party bulletin for November Special Election dates.
- E. **Between 4/30/26* and 6/22/26**** file the following as follows for each office you are responsible for.
*After the party has nominated the candidate.
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 - **ELECT-511 Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidates**
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-forms/>
 - For State, Congressional, and General Assembly candidates, file with ELECT.
 - For all other candidates, file with ELECT and the General Registrar's Office in each locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot. <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>

Political Party Flow Chart

